

## Valerie Levin

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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2011 7:18 PM  
**To:** JOHN ZAGAME  
**Cc:** Broitman, Elana (Gillibrand)  
**Subject:** Friday, June 22nd

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Dear Elana,

As you know, Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States.

You've also met with my colleague, John Zagame, regarding Somalia.

John and I will be in D.C. on Friday, and would enjoy paying you a quick visit about Taiwan that afternoon if you time. 2pm's great for us, but we can be flexible around your schedule. Let us what, if anything, can work for you.

Thanks,  
Sean King

p.s. Park Strategies Managing Director Senator Alfonse D'Amato spoke with Jess Fassler today regarding Taiwan.

**From:** Fassler, Jess (Gillibrand) [mailto:Jess\_Fassler@gillibrand.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2011 10:59 AM  
**To:** Sean King  
**Cc:** Broitman, Elana (Gillibrand)  
**Subject:** RE: Congressional Record statement

I do not anticipate that happening at this time.

**From:** Sean King [mailto:sking@parkstrategies.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2011 11:07 AM  
**To:** Fassler, Jess (Gillibrand)  
**Cc:** Broitman, Elana (Gillibrand)  
**Subject:** RE: Congressional Record statement

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Is there any chance that Senator Gillibrand might insert some kind of statement, on democracy in Taiwan, into the Record as per below?

Thanks,

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1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Public Office Suite 100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Registration No. 5908

Dear Sir or Madam:

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Park Strategies, LLC, and a number of its staff, registered as foreign agents for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States. Our Registration No. is 5908.

In furtherance of those efforts, please see enclosed our most recent relevant correspondence with U.S. government officials. Should you have any questions concerning the enclosed, please contact the undersigned at (212) 883-5608. Thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,



Sean King  
Vice President

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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2011 12:37 PM  
**To:** Michael Giaccio  
**Subject:** RE: Taiwan F-16s

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Thanks very much, Mike! I've already heard back from Jon Boughtin. Thanks very much again, and let's stay in touch. p.s. What's your title, by the way? I'll need that information for our FARA filing, thanks.

**From:** Michael Giaccio [<mailto:mgiaccio@bedfordgrovelc.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2011 9:53 AM  
**To:** Sean King  
**Subject:** RE: Taiwan F-16s

Hi Sean—I've forwarded this on to the appropriate person in the congressman's office. He should be reaching out to you shortly. If you don't hear from anyone soon please let me know, and if there's anything else I can do to help you can reach me anytime by e-mail or at (646) 701-7059. Thanks! -Mike

**From:** Sean King [<mailto:sking@parkstrategies.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2011 5:20 PM  
**To:** Michael Giaccio  
**Subject:** Taiwan F-16s

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Dear Mike,

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We're asking if Congressman Owens might consider signing the attached letter, urging for the sale of F-16s to Taiwan, to President Obama. I've also attached the *Dear Colleague* cover letter, as well as a list of all Members who'd signed it as of Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. I expect the letter to be sent out on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. You can contact Jeremy Kadden in Rep. Shelley Berkley's office at (202) 225-5965, [jeremy.kadden@mail.house.gov](mailto:jeremy.kadden@mail.house.gov)

Thanks,

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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2011 12:43 PM  
**To:** Boughtin, Jon  
**Subject:** RE: Taiwan-F16 Letter

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Dear Jon,

Thanks very much for your e-mail, and this great news! I've already relayed it to the Taiwan Embassy, and they're very happy indeed. Thanks again, and I'll be sure to look you up when I'm on the Hill next month. As you know by now, Park Strategies, LLC, Park Strategies Managing Director Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States.

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**From:** Boughtin, Jon [<mailto:Jon.Boughtin@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2011 10:20 AM  
**To:** Sean King  
**Subject:** Taiwan-F16 Letter

Hey Sean, Brad shot me a note about the F16 letter you were interested in having Bill sign onto. Wanted to let you know I emailed Jeremy in Rep. Berkeley's office today and we're on board. All set!

In the future, feel free to make me your point of contact for all things defense. I've handled HASC for Rep. Owens for a couple of years and can probably help you out. Stay in touch, and if you're up on the Hill feel free to drop by. I feel like we may have met at one point but it's been awhile. Enjoy the week, -JB

**Jon Boughtin**  
Senior Legislative Assistant  
Office of Rep. Bill Owens

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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2011 7:20 AM  
**To:** Valerie Levin  
**Subject:** Fw: Taiwan F-16s  
**Attachments:** Taiwan F-16s.docx; F-16 Members as of 24 June 2011.docx

----- Original Message -----

From: Sean King  
To: [mgiaccio@bedfordgrovellic.com](mailto:mgiaccio@bedfordgrovellic.com) <[mgiaccio@bedfordgrovellic.com](mailto:mgiaccio@bedfordgrovellic.com)>  
Sent: Mon Jul 18 17:19:59 2011  
Subject: Taiwan F-16s

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Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join us in sending the following letter to President Obama regarding the sale of F-16s to the Republic of China (Taiwan).

As you know, in 2010, the Obama Administration released a \$6.4 billion arms package to Taiwan that included Patriot missiles, Black Hawk helicopters, mine hunters and military communications equipment. While we welcomed this very positive step, we were disappointed the package did not include sixty-six F-16 fighter aircraft that Taiwan has sought as well.

Taiwan lives under a constant military threat from the People's Republic of China (PRC), which has an estimated 1,400 short and medium-range ballistic missiles pointed directly at Taiwan. The U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency recently concluded that Taiwan's air defense is showing increasing vulnerability due to the aging of their air force fighter aircraft, in contrast to the PRC's increasing military capabilities.

Taiwan is a fellow democracy facing a very serious threat. At this crucial time in their history and in U.S.-Taiwan relations, we hope you will join us in sending this important letter, to ensure our ally's future security and stability. If you would like to sign, please contact Jeremy Kadden of Rep. Berkley's staff at [jeremy.kadden@mail.house.gov](mailto:jeremy.kadden@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

SHELLEY BERKLEY

Member of Congress

PHIL GINGREY

Member of Congress

GERALD CONNOLLY

Member of Congress

MARIO DIAZ-BALART

Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our concerns about the military imbalance in the Taiwan Strait. In order to maintain peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, we believe it is critical for the United States to sell to the government of Taiwan all the F-16C/D aircraft it requestes. We respectfully request that your administration move quickly to announce its support for such a sale and submit the required Congressional Notification for a sale as soon as possible.

Successive reports issued by U.S. and Taiwanese defense authorities outline the threat Taiwan continues to face, including the continued military buildup by the People's Republic of China. For example, Beijing has more than 1,400 missiles aimed at Taiwan and continues to add to this total. China is forging ahead and deploying next generation military technology. Military experts both in Taiwan and in the United States have raised alarms that Taiwan is losing its qualitative advantage in defensive arms that have long served as a primary military deterrent.

Due to impending changes within Taiwan's force structure, we respectfully urge a timely resolution to the aircraft sale issue. Within the next decade Taiwan will retire 70% of its fighter force and without new fighter aircraft and upgrades to its existing fleet of F-16s, Taiwan's situation could become quite precarious.

As you know, the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (TRA) states that it is U.S. policy "to consider any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means...of grave concern to the United States." We remain deeply concerned that delays in the decision on the sale of F-16s to Taiwan and subsequently notifying Congress of their sale could very well result in closure of the F-16 assembly line. In addition to enhancing Taiwan's security, approval of the pending sale would support thousands of American jobs-especially well-paying jobs in the manufacturing sector.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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3. Robert Andrews (D-NJ)
4. Steve Austria (R-OH)
5. Joe Barton (R-TX)
6. Spencer Bachus (R-AL)
7. Shelley Berkley (D-NV) – 領銜
8. Howard Berman (D-CA)
9. Brian Bilbray (R-CA)
10. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)
11. Rob Bishop (R-UT)
12. Sanford Bishop (D-GA)
13. Tim Bishop (D-NY)
14. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)
15. Joe Bonner (R-AL)
16. Dan Boren (D-OK)
17. Robert Brady (D-PA)
18. Michael Burgess (R-TX)
19. Dan Burton (R-IN)
20. John Campbell (R-CA)
21. Dennis Cardoza (D-CA)
22. Andre Carson (D-IN)
23. John Carter (R-TX)
24. Steve Chabot (R-OH)
25. Donna Christiansen (D-VI)
26. Yvette Clarke (D-NY)
27. Emanuel Cleavers (D-MO)
28. Howard Coble (R-NC)
29. Mike Coffman (R-CO)
30. Gerry Connolly (D-VA) – 領銜
31. Mike Conaway (R-TX)
32. Chip Cravaack (R-MN)
33. John Culberson (R-TX)
34. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
35. Ted Deutch (D-FL)

36. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) – 領銜
37. John Duncan (R-TN)
38. Renee Ellmers (R-NC)
39. Eliot Engel (D-NY)
40. Eni Faleomavaega (D-AS)
41. John Fleming (R-LA)
42. Randy Forbes (R-VA)
43. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
44. Trent Frank (R-AZ)
45. Marcia Fudge (D-OH)
46. Elton Gallegly (R-CA)
47. Cory Gardner (R-CO)
48. Scott Garrett (R-NJ)
49. Phil Gingrey (R-GA) – 領銜
50. Charles Gonzalez (D-TX)
51. Kay Granger (R-TX)
52. Gene Green (D-TX)
53. Ralph Hall (R-TX)
54. Colleen Hanabusa (D-HI)
55. Richard Hanna (R-NY)
56. Gregg Harper (R-MS)
57. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO)
58. Alcee Hastings (D-FL)
59. Joe Heck (R-NV)
60. Martin Heinrich (D-NM)
61. Maurice Hinchey (D-NY)
62. Tim Holden (D-PA)
63. Steve Israel (D-NY)
64. Bill Johnson (R-OH)
65. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)
66. Walter Jones (R-NC)
67. Bill Keating (D-MA)
68. Steve King (R-IA)
69. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL)
70. Doug Lamborn (R-CO)
71. James Lankford (R-OK)
72. John Larson (D-CT)
73. Robert Latta (R-OH)
74. Dan Lipinski (D-IL)
75. Billy Long (R-MO)
76. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)
77. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)
78. Dan Lungren (D-CA)
79. Connie Mack (R-FL)
80. Donald Manzullo (R-IL)

81. Kenny Marchant (R-TX)
82. Michael McCaul (R-TX)
83. Tom McClintock (R-CA)
84. Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI)
85. Patrick McHenry (R-NC)
86. Mike McIntyre (D-NC)
87. Mike Michaud (D-ME)
88. Jim Moran (D-VA)
89. Chris Murphy (D-CT)
90. Sue Myrick (R-NC)
91. Grace Napolitano (D-CA)
92. Devin Nunes (R-CA)
93. Alan Nunnelee (R-MS)
94. Pete Olson (R-TN)
95. Steven Palazzo (R-MS)
96. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)
97. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)
98. Ted Poe (R-TX)
99. Tom Price (R-GA)
100. Mike Quigley (D-IL)
101. Denny Rehberg (R-MT)
102. Laura Richardson (D-CA)
103. David Rivera (R-FL)
104. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA)
105. Mike Rogers (R-AL)
106. Peter Roskam (R-IL)
107. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)
108. Dennis Ross (R-FL)
109. Steven Rothman (D-NJ)
110. Ed Royce (R-CA)
111. Jon Runyan (R-NJ)
112. Tim Ryan (D-OH)
113. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA)
114. Linda Sanchez (D-CA)
115. Jean Schmidt (R-OH)
116. David Schweikert (R-AZ)
117. David Scott (D-GA)
118. Austin Scott (R-GA)
119. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI)
120. Pete Sessions (R-TX)
121. Heath Shuler (D-NC)
122. Mike Simpson (R-ID)
123. Albio Sires (D-NJ)
124. Steve Southerland (R-FL)
125. Steve Stivers (R-OH)
126. Glenn Thompson (R-PA)

- 127. Mac Thornberry (R-TX)
- 128. Ed Towns (D-NY)
- 129. Joe Walsh (R-IL)
- 130. Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA)
- 131. Ed Whitfield (R-KY)
- 132. Joe Wilson (R-SC)
- 133. Rob Wittman (R-VA)
- 134. David Wu (D-OR)
- 135. Don Young (R-AK)

Sean King

**From:** Fassler, Jess (Gillibrand) [mailto:Jess\_Fassler@gillibrand.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2011 8:58 AM  
**To:** Sean King  
**Cc:** Kraig Siracuse; Broitman, Elana (Gillibrand)  
**Subject:** RE: Congressional Record statement

Thanks Kraig. We rarely issue statements for the record but I will pass your request on to the Senator's foreign affairs staff

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Dear Jess,

Thanks again for your call back last December when Taiwan Foreign Minister Timothy Yang visited New York. As you know, Park Strategies, LLC and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States.

On the third anniversary of Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou's May 20, 2008 inauguration, we'd like to ask whether Senator Gillibrand might consider inserting a statement into the Congressional Record praising Taiwan's democracy and acknowledging its U.S. roots. It'd be especially powerful and poignant coming from her, given her interest and personal background in the immediate region. And as per the February 15th, 2009 New York Times article furthest below, it might also interest a number of her constituents. As an aside, Taiwan's former First Lady, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, lived the final 28 years of her life in Lattingtown, New York and Manhattan's Upper East Side. In 1943, she actually became the first Chinese national, and only second woman, to address both Houses of Congress.

Please see immediately below only a suggested DRAFT of a statement that Senator Gillibrand can perhaps make. Thanks very much in advance for your kind consideration of our request.

Best wishes,

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*Senate*

**In Praise of Taiwan's Democracy**

HON. KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND

OF NEW YORK

*Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2011*

Ms. Gillibrand. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge and applaud Taiwan's robust democracy, an evolved political culture and system that embodies openness, tolerance and transparency which coincidentally began taking root right after I studied abroad in Taichung, Taiwan. Whereas apologists for autocracies and dictatorships the world over all too often contend that individual rights and democracy are somehow not compatible with so-called "traditional" Asian values, the Republic of China (R.O.C). on Taiwan stands as a beacon for individual rights and representative government.

As an Asian Studies major at Dartmouth, I studied in central Taiwan in 1986, one year before the island lifted its Martial Law Emergency Decree. Taiwan later held its first free legislative elections in 1991 and – despite mainland China's attempts to intimidate voters into staying home, by test-firing missiles into the Taiwan Strait – Taiwan held its first direct presidential election in 1996. Voter turnout in Taiwan's four free direct presidential elections has never dipped below 76 percent and there has twice been a peaceful transfer of power from one party to another, once in each direction.

The seeds of Taiwan's democracy were first planted in the mind of R.O.C. founding father Dr. Sun Yat-sen during his formative adolescent years in President Obama's home state of Hawaii. As a young man, Dr. Sun returned to China inspired by the uniquely American ideals of Alexander Hamilton and Abraham Lincoln. When given the chance, Dr. Sun would tell anybody who would listen that the crux of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, "government of the people, by the people, for the people", had shaped his own political philosophy, the *Three Principles of the People*. While implementation of Sun's three principles was often flawed and thwarted while the R.O.C. was on mainland China, they eventually took shape – long after his death – following the R.O.C.'s move to Taiwan in 1949. All Americans can thus take great pride in Taiwan's democracy today.

On this third anniversary of Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou's inauguration – a freely elected president who has reached out to mainland China on economic terms and helped reduce tensions in what has been a regional flashpoint for more than 60 years, all the while fiercely defending Taiwan's democratic ideals and at every chance trumpeting its alliance and friendship with the United States – Taiwan's now entrenched democracy stands as a model for people everywhere who yearn to be free, not least for those living in mainland China. Mr.



President, as somebody who's studied in both mainland China and Taiwan, and who's also worked in Hong Kong, I rise today in full support of Taiwan's democracy and the truly fine example it sets for all the world.

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## The New York Times

February 15, 2009

# Ni Hao. My Name Is Gillibrand, but Lu Will Do.

By [DAVID W. CHEN](#)

She had them at "Ni hao ma."

When Senator [Kirsten E. Gillibrand](#) grabbed the microphone at the Lunar New Year parade in Chinatown two weeks ago, she blurted, "Ni hao ma, zenma yang?" in Mandarin, or "Hello, how's it going?" Later that day, after wrapping up a meeting with local leaders at a senior center, she walked by a few card tables and said, "Hao bu hao?" or "Are you doing O.K.?"

It is customary for politicians eager to connect with ethnic voters to butcher a few words in Spanish, Chinese or other foreign tongues. But Ms. Gillibrand is no ordinary politician when it comes to linguistic and cultural comfort: as an Asian studies major at Dartmouth, she studied for six months in [China](#) and Taiwan, becoming proficient enough to absorb stories in Chinese newspapers, and later spent four months in Hong Kong as a corporate lawyer.

Ms. Gillibrand's Chinese is rusty now. But she tells her 5-year-old son, "Man man yi diar," or "Slow down a little," and calls chopsticks "kuaizi," out of habit. And she can still converse for a few minutes, as evidenced when a reporter from a New York City-based Chinese-language newspaper trying to learn her Chinese name unexpectedly found an enthusiastic Ms. Gillibrand on the line. "She definitely understood what I was saying, and she had good pronunciation," said the reporter, Yan Tai, who writes for The World Journal. "Actually, I was very impressed."

Now a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Ms. Gillibrand has come a long way from her days in China and Taiwan as Lu Tian Na, an exuberant adventurer who sucked down toad venom to counteract poisonous crabs from Beidaihe beach (about 180 miles east of Beijing), and who rode helmetless on a motorcycle in polluted Taipei. But those experiences deepened her appreciation for different cultures, Ms. Gillibrand said in an interview, and helped to shape her views on relations between the United States and China.

Ms. Gillibrand's background has piqued interest among the fast-growing Chinese-American community in New York. And winning over Asian-Americans, who make up 6.7 percent of [the state's population](#), could provide an edge in 2010, when a special election will be held for the remaining two years of the Senate seat. That could prove helpful given that Ms. Gillibrand, a centrist Democrat, has drawn fire for [her views on immigration](#).

"It's encouraging for us to know that she has the background," said Virginia M. Kee, a founding member of the [Chinese-American Planning Council](#). "Her message was, 'I'm listening to you,' and I feel that she was sincere."

Ms. Gillibrand gravitated toward Chinese in college, she said, because she had never been to Asia and she loved the artistry of Chinese characters. Her Chinese name, Lu Tian Na, reflected a routine transliteration of her name. Tian Na (heaven and beautiful, respectively) represents Tina, which she was known as growing up, and the surname Lu (which means land) was thought to be a close match to her maiden name, Rutnik, and adds poetry and meaning to her Chinese name.

As a member (and eventually captain) of the squash team at Dartmouth, Ms. Gillibrand would practice writing countless Chinese characters during van rides to matches.

"She was more enthusiastic than average; she really stood out that way," said Seth Hendon, a student at Dartmouth who taught her at a language drill class. "She really wanted to learn."

During her studies abroad in 1986, first in Beijing, then in Taichung, Taiwan, Ms. Gillibrand, then a junior, sampled everything from congee to dried cuttlefish and stinky tofu. She used a slide projector to show images of people and places she photographed, talked constantly to ordinary Chinese, took up tai chi and navigated her bicycle through Beijing's thoroughfares and narrow alleys.

By the time she returned to Dartmouth, Ms. Gillibrand could comprehend television news and newspaper articles, according to two classmates, Eve Stacey and Dana Beard, who accompanied Ms. Gillibrand overseas.

"I know it was a life-changing experience for me, and I suspect it was the same for Tina," said Ms. Beard. "It opened our minds."

Ms. Gillibrand agreed.

"Our relationship with China is extraordinarily complicated, and when you do understand the culture better, having that appreciation means you can hopefully find compromises," she said.

She said that the United States should be a "candle for the world," and that "so much of our foreign policy and national security depends on China."

She also suggested that she would be pragmatic in dealing with China's human rights record. She recalled trekking in Tibet, and noticing a 5-year-old boy who had little choice, because of his family's economic predicament, but to work alongside his father, carting stones in a wheelbarrow.

"When we talk about [child labor](#) laws, I have a recognition of how far other places have to go," she said.

Ms. Gillibrand has forgotten many of the 2,000 characters she once memorized. But she still comfortably wields the q's, z's and x's of the Pinyin romanization system when e-mailing friends or acquaintances.

She talked briefly in Mandarin with this reporter, too, but said that she wants to brush up, and hopes her older son, Theo, now 5, pursues Chinese in school so they can converse. But she can occasionally surprise: a few years ago, Mr. Hendon said that he bumped into Ms. Gillibrand on the street in New York, and she greeted him with "Han Sai Si!" — his Chinese name at Dartmouth.

Since Gov. [David A. Paterson](#) tapped her to replace [Hillary Rodham Clinton](#), who stepped down to become secretary of state,

Ms. Gillibrand has introduced herself to people beyond her upstate district, including Latino and Asian groups.

Those constituencies could be crucial in a primary or general election next year. The number of registered Chinese-American voters in New York City jumped to 112,000 in 2007, or 3 percent of the city's 3.7 million voters. That is a 36 percent increase since 2001, and one of the biggest surges among ethnic voters, according to John H. Mollenkopf, director of the Center for Urban Research at the [City University of New York](#) Graduate Center.

It also does not hurt that Ms. Gillibrand is apparently the only member of Congress with some proficiency in Mandarin, other than Representative David Wu, an Oregon Democrat who was born in Taiwan.

At the Chinatown parade down Mott Street on Feb. 1, Ms. Gillibrand was flanked by Assembly Speaker [Sheldon Silver](#), whose district includes Chinatown, and Councilman John C. Liu, who represents Flushing. Mr. Liu, who immigrated from Taiwan as a child, rarely speaks Chinese in public, even though his Mandarin is quite good. Mr. Silver, meanwhile, can say, "Hello, I am Silver," in Cantonese. But Ms. Gillibrand, bedecked in a red Chinese dress, was the main attraction.

One boy who marched alongside Ms. Gillibrand hoisted a sign with her Chinese name, prompting a few spectators to say, approvingly, "Lu Tian Na." And on Mulberry Street, two elderly Chinese women told her cheerily, in Mandarin, about a local event, prompting Ms. Gillibrand to nod, and say, "Xie xie," or "Thank you."

In an interview days later, Ms. Gillibrand said she regretted one thing: not delivering her speech in Chinese.

"Next year," she vowed.

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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 1:18 PM  
**To:** 'Lonnie.Dietz@mail.house.gov'  
**Subject:** Re: F-16 letter goes tmw

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Thanks, Lonnie. This means a lot, really.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Dietz, Lonnie <Lonnie.Dietz@mail.house.gov>  
**To:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Thu Jul 28 12:53:40 2011  
**Subject:** RE: F-16 letter goes tmw

Sean,

My apologies I thought there was more time on the letter so I had it held and with everything else going on havent yet gone over it with Rick. I will block of time to discuss with him tomorrow morning before the start of business.

Thank you for the update!

Lonnie

**From:** Sean King [mailto:sking@parkstrategies.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 11:41 AM  
**To:** Dietz, Lonnie  
**Subject:** F-16 letter goes tmw  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Lonnie,

I'm sure you're justifiably focused on the debt ceiling right now, but I just wanted to let you know the attached F-16 letter that we've previously discussed is going out tomorrow. And as of yesterday, I didn't see Congressman Berg's name among the 166 Members below who have so far signed it. And as per furthest below, the need for a robust Taiwan air defense is as acute as ever.

If Congressman Berg wishes to sign the letter, which we hope he does, please contact Jeremy Kadden, [jeremy.kadden@mail.house.gov](mailto:jeremy.kadden@mail.house.gov), in Rep. Shelley Berkley's office today at (202) 225-5965. As you know, Park Strategies, LLC, Park Strategies Managing Director Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States.

Thanks so much again for your consideration.

Kindest regards,

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From: Dietz, Lonnie [<mailto:Lonnie.Dietz@mail.house.gov>]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 3:16 PM  
To: Sean King  
Subject: Re: Thanks

Great to visit with you yesterday. We will look into the letter (do you know when they are looking to send it)... Also I made our scheduler aware of the schedule request for 2011 and will work to get it on the books.

Talk to you soon

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Lonnie Dietz  
Chief of Staff  
Congressman Rick Berg, North Dakota

Sent using BlackBerry



**Valerie Levin**

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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 4:53 PM  
**To:** jennifer.groover@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** FW: Intelligence: Dear Colleague: LAST CHANCE: SUPPORT TAIWAN'S SECURITY

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Dear Ms. Groover,

My name is Sean King. My boss, former U.S. Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato of New York, suggested I contact you. FYI, Park Strategies, LLC, Park Strategies Managing Director Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, and I are registered with the U.S. Department of Justice, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as agents on behalf of our client, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States.

I'm sorry for the late notice, but we wanted to make sure you were aware of the letter below that's going out tomorrow. I've attached a list of all Members who have so far signed. You can contact Jeremy Kadden, jeremy.kadden@mail.house.gov, in Congresswoman Berkley's office if Congresswoman Buerkle wishes to sign.

Kindest regards,

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**From:** e-Dear Colleague  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2011 11:20 AM  
**To:** E-DEARCOLL\_ISSUES\_G-Z\_0000@ls2.house.gov  
**Subject:** Intelligence: Dear Colleague: LAST CHANCE: SUPPORT TAIWAN'S SECURITY

## LAST CHANCE: SUPPORT TAIWAN'S SECURITY

**From:** The Honorable Shelley Berkley  
**Sent By:** [jeremy.kadden@mail.house.gov](mailto:jeremy.kadden@mail.house.gov)  
**Date:** 7/26/2011

**\*\*LAST CHANCE TO SUPPORT THE SALE OF F-16s TO TAIWAN\*\***

**LETTER CLOSING THIS FRIDAY**

**OVER 160 CO-SIGNERS ALREADY**

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join us in sending the following letter to President Obama regarding the sale of F-16s to the Republic of China (Taiwan).

As you know, in 2010, the Obama Administration released a \$6.4 billion arms package to Taiwan that included Patriot missiles, Black Hawk helicopters, mine hunters and military communications equipment. While we welcomed this very positive step, we were disappointed the package did not include sixty-six F-16 fighter aircraft that Taiwan has sought as well.

Taiwan lives under a constant military threat from the People's Republic of China (PRC), which has an estimated 1,400 short and medium-range ballistic missiles pointed directly at Taiwan. The U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency recently concluded that Taiwan's air defense is showing increasing vulnerability due to the aging of their air force fighter aircraft, in contrast to the PRC's increasing military capabilities.

Taiwan is a fellow democracy facing a very serious threat. At this crucial time in their history and in U.S.-Taiwan relations, we hope you will join us in sending this important letter, to ensure our ally's future security and stability. If you would like to sign, please contact Jeremy Kadden of Rep. Berkley's staff at [jeremy.kadden@mail.house.gov](mailto:jeremy.kadden@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

SHELLEY BERKLEY

Member of Congress

PHIL GINGREY

Member of Congress

GERALD CONNOLLY

Member of Congress

MARIO DIAZ-BALART

Member of Congress

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our concerns about the military imbalance in the Taiwan Strait. In order to maintain peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, we believe it is critical for the United States to sell the government of Taiwan all the F-16 C/D it requires. We respectfully request that your administration move quickly to announce its support for such a sale and submit the required Congressional Notification for a sale as soon as possible.

Successive reports issued by U.S. and Taiwanese defense authorities outline the threat Taiwan continues to face, including the continued military buildup by the People's Republic of China. For example, Beijing has more than 1,400 missiles aimed at Taiwan and continues to add to this total. China is forging ahead and deploying next generation military technology. Military experts both in Taiwan and in the United States have raised



alarms that Taiwan is losing its qualitative advantage in defensive arms that have long served as a primary military deterrent.

Due to impending changes within Taiwan's force structure, we respectfully urge a timely resolution to the aircraft sale issue. Within the next decade Taiwan will retire 70% of its fighter force and without new fighter aircraft and upgrades to its existing fleet of F-16s, Taiwan's situation could become quite precarious.

As you know, the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (TRA) states that it is U.S. policy "to consider any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means...of grave concern to the United States." We remain deeply concerned that delays in the decision on the sale of F-16s to Taiwan and subsequently notifying Congress of their sale could very well result in closure of the F-16 assembly line. In addition to enhancing Taiwan's security, approval of the sale would support thousands of American jobs—especially well-paying jobs in the manufacturing sector.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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The ROC military, which closely monitored the whole course of events as they unfolded, determined the incident to be an isolated case. Afterwards, it notified the Presidential Office of the incident.

Fan Chiang Tai-chi, spokesman for the office, said the Ministry of National Defense handled the matter based on established formulas.

MND spokesman Lo Shao-ho pointed out that Taiwan's military has the ability to effectively monitor the activities of mainland military aircraft.

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According to the sources, the incident occurred while the U-2 aircraft was flying from the U.S. Air Force's Osan Air Base in South Korea to Kadena Air Base in the Japanese prefecture of Okinawa.

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**From:** Sean King  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 4:21 PM  
**To:** chris.beradini@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** Taiwan F-16s  
**Attachments:** Taiwan F-16s.docx; F-16.xlsx

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